

PTO General Meeting Minutes August 11, 2014

Attendees:

See Attached Sheet

Principal's Report-Kellie Roe

- did have some new hires this year
- new Art Teacher, Shannon Goodwill
- 4th grade teacher Donna Guerin is filling in for Mrs Patton for 1/2 of the year and 5th grade teacher Blair Lanzarone is filling in for Jamie Jacobs for entire year
- we have a new speech teacher, Scott Zischke and ESL teacher Aurora Green
- hiring 2 EA positions, also did hire an additional Kindergarten teacher, added a 5th class (morning) Robin DeNardo is the teacher for that class, has been an EA for years, will spend half time as K teacher and half as EA
- SAC committee-state requires that every school have a committee, they meet 4 times a year, approx each quarter
- talk about school plans, what they are working on, etc
- most members are carried over from last year, they have 1 opening for sure, could maybe do 2 members at large, if they have more that are interested, they will have to hold an election where people would have to vote
- let her know by email if you're interested
- district makes a projection on the number of students each year
- they projected us at 768 students, we started the year with 830, so about 62 kids over
- Because of the additional count, in Oct, we'll get extra money to spend on what we need to accommodate them
- we are maxed out as far as adding classrooms/classes, good news is we don't have any classes over 30, 28 kids is our highest
- have hired in the past some additional EA support, might do that if we get more kids
- CVHS has a Sabercat Stomp parade each year, this will be our 2nd year participating, need parents to help us with the parade or donate supplies, please let us know if you can help

Introduction of Board Members

- will hopefully see us in the school wearing our CSE shirts or key necklaces on, can ask us questions or let us know if you want to volunteer for something

New Business

New Bi Laws were passed out, needed to vote to approve them

- everyone in the school is a PTO member so you have voting rights
- in to what reference to what changes were made, they were the individual members and fiscal responsibility and how money is handled (ie; 2 members must be present to count money)

Bi-Laws will also be posted on the website

Motion to approve Bi Laws

- 1st-Jen Batta
- 2nd-Ann Heft
- all in favor-yes

Budget

- Budget sheet was handed out at meeting

Motion to Approve Budget

- 1st-Jen Batta
- 2nd-Ann Heft
- all in favor-yes

Free Money

- CSE has several reward programs such as Target, Coke Rewards, Box tops, etc
- Jennifer Bartelson is our coordinator, if you would like to help her, please let her know
- last year we made \$2,500 for the whole school year
- for Target Redcard, just log into your account and designate CSE as your school choice
- any info regarding this will go home in Thursday folders
- Thursday folders go home every Thursday, will have school and PTO info in it
- we are trying to go green so we will try and post things on our CSE website www.csepto.com or on FB at www.facebook.com/clearskyelemtrypto
- Box Tops, there are two big collection dates Jennifer has to turn in BT which are Nov 3rd and March 2nd
- in between those dates she will try and do contests, 1st one is a pizza party with Mrs Rowe
- for the top 5 students who turn in the most BT, you can find sheet on FB or on our website, there was also a link for it in the newsletter

ABC Fundraiser-Heather Dittenber

- very 1st one we have is ABC fundraiser, can sell to neighbors, co workers, family
- last year we got to keep over \$20,000 for this
- it seems like the usual fundraiser, but we make such a large amount of money
- we have been using them for quite a few years, kids have always looked forward to the pig races and limo ride to Baskin Robbins
- kick off is 9/8
- if you have any questions let her know
- also we have family dinner nights, usually they will let us come in and give us a percentage
- 1st one is Freddy's on 9/10, will always send home info
- like to do fun ones too, last year we did Baskin Robbins and the teacher and Principal got to scoop ice cream
- always open to new ideas, just let her know

Fall Festival

- fall festival is our biggest event coming up on 10/24, will have a committee planning meeting on 8/20 at 9:15am to share ideas or what you would like

Student Directory

- this is new this year, wanted to get feedback on whether you would like to get a paper version or use an app from your smart phone
- when you filled out parent portal info, you were given an option to opt out
- this directory will be a great way to keep families informed and have a way to contact each other
- on birthdays, school rule if you have a birthday party and are not inviting everyone in the classroom, you must send do that outside of class or invite everyone in the class, having a directory will make that easier
- looking into 2 different options; a spiral bound notebook or an app that we believe is free
- we are not sure if we have the option to update (as kids move out or into our school), we will

look into that

-may do pre orders as an option, will have more info at next meeting

Committee Chairs-Trisha Klaus

-there are some spots open, looking for a homecoming parade chair, Sept 6th is the parade and it is coming up quick

-also looking for a hospitality chair to help with events such as Grandparents Day, Kiss Lunch, and Moms and Muffins

-you can email her or talk to her after the meeting if you're interested

Grandparents Day is coming up on 9/8 at 8:15 in the Cafeteria, if you have family that is close that can come this is a great event for them

Secret Messenger

-it is a great way to thank our teachers throughout the year

-you can sign up to be a part of it, your child will come home with a folder that has the teacher's wish list and a log so you can write down what your child got them

-can be anything from a home made card, flowers,\$5 g/c, craft, etc to show your appreciation

-you can sign up for anybody, special teachers and staff too

-will have a flyer coming out soon on how to sign up

Meeting adjourned at 7:06